

## SHAMEFUL WARFARE

We are astonished and shocked that ministers of the gospel and other good Christians are permitting themselves to be used as political cat-paws for Mr. Stockton and his coadjutors in the shameful warfare now being waged against General Gilchrist, whose neighbors know him to be one of the most high-toned, honorable, conscientious gentlemen of Florida.

The press of the state is now filled with editorials and paid advertisements, in which the unblushing and outrageous charge is made that, if Gilchrist is chosen governor, he will be controlled by the whiskey element and the corporations, and we notice that a number of preachers and some Christian bodies have been betrayed into believing this calumny and are exerting their influence against Gilchrist and in favor of Stockton.

Realizing the desperate nature of Mr. Stockton's chances of winning in the coming primary and being utterly unable to find anything else tangible to allege against Gilchrist, the advocates of the former have seized upon this slander as a drowning man catches at a straw and have induced many good people to believe that Gilchrist is in league with the saloons and corporations, and, if elected, will be a pliant tool in their hands.

If the editor of the Herald believed this charge, he, as a church member, would not support General Gilchrist, but he knows it to be false, as he is well acquainted with General Gilchrist, and knows that no man nor set of men can control or even influence him to act contrary to his conscientious convictions, and his character as one of the most high-toned and honorable gentlemen of Florida.

If the really patriotic and Christian people will only for a moment consider this charge, they will understand its arrant injustice and properly resent the insidious attempt to make political cat-paws of them in the interest of Mr. Stockton.

The calumny is based upon the alleged fact that the liquor and corporation people are supporting General Gilchrist. We do not know whether this is true or not, but, granting that it is, Mr. Stockton's adherents dare not assert that these interests have received any promises from General Gilchrist. The reason for their course is found in their having the assurance that Gilchrist is a fair and just man and will treat all interests with impartiality, oppressing none, discriminating against none, but giving everyone a "square deal;" whereas, Mr. Stockton is a peace disturber, a bitter and relentless partisan, who, with his chief abettors, has kept Jacksonville and Duval county in political turmoil and dissension for many years.

As to General Gilchrist being controlled by saloon and corporation elements because they favor his candidacy, we who know him best know that it is not so. Even Mr. Claude L'Engle, who is now doing all he can to circulate this slander and mislead good people that he may keep the state printing, said in his paper a few months back that "the corporations do not know Gilchrist, because they know they cannot control him," and he might truthfully have said the same thing about the saloon people. Mr. L'Engle also says in his first paid advertisement on this subject that "Stockton as governor cannot put on state prohibition; that power lies solely with the people \* \* \* who vote yes or no by direct ballot."

True; nor can Gilchrist give us state prohibition. The governor has absolutely nothing to do with the question. Even the legislature cannot give us state prohibition, for Article xix. of the constitution guarantees to the people of the various counties the right to say by their votes whether whiskey may be sold in their counties or not, and the legislature cannot take away this right. This being so, and the governor having absolutely nothing to do with the question, it will appear to every man of common sense who is not "daff" on Stockton that the whiskey men have nothing save fair treatment to gain from the election of Gilchrist. They and the corporations do not believe that they will get such treatment from Mr. Stockton and that is why they are said to be against him.

The statement that the liquor interests have put up \$360,000 to elect Gilchrist is utterly without proof or confirmation and is absurd on the face of it. It is a matter of widespread belief that less than one-tenth of that sum is sufficient to defeat any bill placed before the legislature; at any rate a representative in the legislature from Sumter county openly charged several years ago that it took only \$20,000 to pass the Flagler divorce bill, and the county division committees at Tallahassee last year were told that they could get their bills passed for less than \$20,000. If these things are true, the whiskey men would be simpletons to spend \$360,000 to elect a governor, especially when under existing laws and the present constitution, he cannot pos-

sibly be of any special service to them.

But in this case it seems to be "anything to beat Gilchrist." Tell and publish any sort of a tale or slander that may deceive good people into voting against him.

Will the people permit themselves to be thus deceived?—Punta Gorda Herald.

## THE "CHRIST OF THE ANDES."

Senora de Costa, well known for her eminent services in having the great peace monument, the "Christ of the Andes," created and erected on the Andean boundary between Argentina and Chile, has finally completed the organization of peace society at Buenos Ayres, under the title, "La Asociacion Sud Americana Paz Universal" (South American Universal Peace Association). Among the first adherents of the society are a number of very distinguished men, namely: Mariano Antonio, archbishop of Buenos Ayres, Julio A. Roca, Luis S. Pena, Jose E. Uriburu, all three ex-presidents of Argentina, Benito Villanova, president of the senate, Jose Figueroa Alcorta, president of Argentina, E. S. Zeballos, minister of foreign affairs, E. B. Morena, minister to Belgium and Holland, Dr. Luis M. Drago, ex-minister of foreign affairs, and the first Argentine delegate to the second Hague Conference, besides a number of senators, deputies, etc. Senora de Costa has also had made a fine peace flag to serve as the banner of the society and an emblem of concord and solidarity among the South American countries. In its border are placed representations of the flags of all the South American republics. On the 22nd of February, in the presence of a distinguished gathering, at the foot of the "Christ of the Andes" statue on the Andean boundary, this flag was consecrated. The bishop of Cuyo, Dr. Marcelino Benavente, who had dedicated the "Christ of the Andes" monument, presided at the ceremony and blessed the banner, invoking the blessing of the Most High upon the new peace society and its founder and the cause of peace. During the ceremony was placed on the granite pedestal of the "Christ of the Andes" monument.—Advocate of Peace.

General Clement A. Evans of Atlanta was elected commander-in-chief of the Confederate Veterans at their reunion in Birmingham. Gen. Evans is one of the most loved men in the army. He is a native of Georgia and was born of North Carolina and Virginia Revolutionary parentage. He was elected judge of the county court at 22 and state senator at 25. The civil war commenced while he was senator, and although he was exempt from military service he joined a company in his county in January, 1861. He was first elected major of the Thirty-First Georgia regiment, and then promoted to colonel. Gen. Evans succeeded Gordon when he was promoted major general, and again succeeded Gordon in command of the division. His service was in the army of northern Virginia, and he participated in all the battles fought on the soil of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. In command of his division at Appomattox he made the last fight of the war, after the surrender, because he had not received notice of the truce.

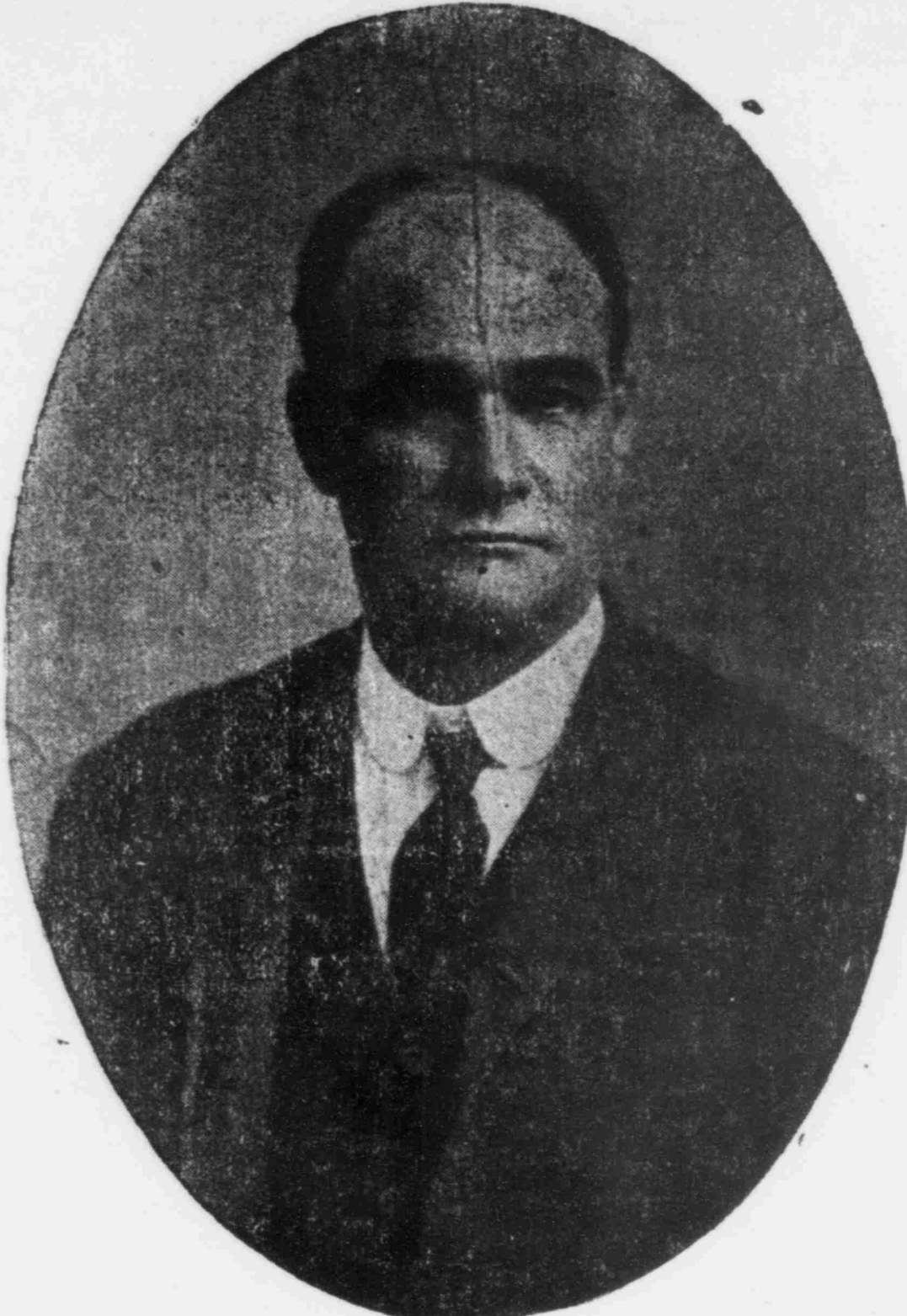
The ministerial association of Newark, N. J., has adopted a resolution to the effect that its members will preach and teach optimism hereafter. Instead of trying to tear down, they will endeavor to build up. Instead of raking in the alleys and gutters for something to criticize, they will stress those good things that are being accomplished in the city. The resolution is a most admirable one, and to be most highly commended to the very thoughtful consideration of preachers elsewhere.

One of the great feathers in Hoke Smith's cap in Georgia is that during his administration the "school teachers have been paid more promptly than under any other gubernatorial administration." What would a Floridian think of that? Why, in Florida the memory of man runneth not to the contrary when the school teachers were not paid monthly. And why should they not be so paid?

After all, the country's cantaloupe acreage isn't so large this year. The early estimates have been materially reduced in several of the important districts. This is another instance in which growers are likely to be misled by early reports, and no doubt some decided not to plant cantaloupes this season for fear of an overloaded market.—New York Packer.

The Key West Citizen says "the demagogues of the state have been fighting the railroads." True. They are now fighting under the guise of morality, and have "buncoed" a lot of preachers into their schemes.—Lake City Index.

John Temple Graves still writes with fluency and splendor. His article on the defeat of Hoke Smith was one of unusual brilliance.



JOHN P. GALLOWAY  
Candidate for Sheriff of Marion County

Likewise much seems to be the matter with Boggs.

England's king is on a visit to Russia, the royal yacht is escorted by the British squadron.

General Clement C. Evans of Georgia may be selected commanding officer of the Confederate Veterans.

Oliver H. P. Belmont is dead at the age of fifty years as the result of peritonitis following an operation for appendicitis.

Notwithstanding the fact that congress has adjourned, the president manages to monopolize a good deal of the limelight.

Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder of Wofford College, at Spartanburg, S. C., has just been elected president of the University of South Carolina. Dr. Snyder is a graduate of Vanderbilt.

The Pensacola Journal's burial of John Beard was even more marked than that of Sir John Moore. Not a tear did it shed as to other favorites it hurled.

The esteemed Tampa News must not read the Florida Times-Union very carefully if it thinks that it is not taking sides in the gubernatorial contest. It must have gotten the two Jacksonville papers mixed.

The Chicago Daily Socialist, speaking of the approaching republican national convention, says in its headlines: "G. O. P. Covered by Smoke of a Fierce Battle—The Harmony in the Party Ranks is so Great That Fights Are Continuous."

Things have changed in Georgia. Before the primary it was "Little Joe Brown," and "Little Brown Jug Brown." It is now Hon. Joseph M. Brown, governor.

Bittinger is spoken of as "thunder," Light as "lightning." So it is up to the voters to have either "thunder" or "lightning." But they must make a choice between the two. They cannot have both.

Governor-elect Joseph M. Brown gives the cost of his primary campaign as upwards of \$25,000. In Georgia the term is only for two years, and the salary is \$4000 per annum. The luxury comes high. If eliminates the poor man.

Georgians flocked to Tampa on a recent excursion, believing they would have a chance to sample some of Florida's best brands, but what a disappointment. It was election day, and the saloons were all closed.—Times-Union.

Tom Watson is one of the most radical railway rate reformers in Georgia, and he openly and avowedly advocated the claims of Joe Brown. Has Tom Watson become a reactionary?—Montgomery (Ala.) Journal.

No. He is just a plain tomahawker. His business is to tomahawk the democrat in office, and the which we rise to remark he is doing.

We understand that the friends of Mr. Stockton in Tampa would not permit Rev. J. W. Bigham to speak for Mr. Stockton in that city, in view of the harm that followed his utterances in Gainesville, Ocala and other places. The "preacher in politics" is bad business. Just one little indiscreet speech by one of them in New York defeated the late James G. Blaine for president.

Public sentiment seems to be crystallizing rapidly towards General Albert W. Gilchrist. The voters of Florida seem determined that he shall have a "square deal."

The good people of Florida permitted a by-play with a whiskey bottle to defeat the best man that ever ran for an office in Florida only four years ago. The same crowd are attempting the same politics this year, but we do not believe the voters will again be deceived.

Mayor Frecker, who was recently defeated for mayor of Tampa, says that he had rather been defeated than go into office with the vote his opponent received, and his opponent says that he had rather go into office with the vote that he received than to stay out with the vote his rival received, so both men seem entirely happy and satisfied.

The populists likewise participated in the Georgia primaries, making them anything else than what they purport to be, viz: "Democratic primaries." In Florida the populists and republicans participate in them. They are not democratic primaries by any manner of means. Populists and republicans did not use to attend democratic conventions as delegates.

So far as Ocala is concerned, those engaged in the whiskey business are taking very little, if any, interest in the approaching primary. Mr. Keating has gone to New York and Mr. Carmichael is in Arkansas, and both gentlemen will remain away until after the second primary. If there were any truth about that \$360,000 being sent into this state the said gentlemen would be doing about some. It is a fake to fool the preachers, women and children.

Oh, yes, a poor man has some show in a primary. It only costs what the salary amounts to to make the race. But why should not poor men serve for the glory that is in it? Jennings did it and those who do not like him say he managed to quit the office rich, and Governor Broward seems to have money enough left to make another campaign. The play of politics is a nice game, but Barnum, America's great showman, long since said that the American people like to be humbugged. The democratic voters really seem to enjoy it.

The negro seems to be moving along on advanced lines very rapidly in Georgia. We see from a recent issue of the Atlanta Journal that ground has been broken for a colored Congregational church. Heretofore the negro's religion has been confined to the Baptist and Methodist denominations. A Congregational church is a step outside the "old ruts." He was never thought to be so versatile. Now if we should see where he has organized an Unitarian and Universalist denomination the "new negro" will indeed be a surprise.

A great many people are laboring under the impression that Editor Claude L'Engle has a soft snap as state printer. There is little doubt that Editor Claude's "graft," so-called, is to be envied, but it is as nothing compared with the printer "next the throne" out in the new state of Oklahoma. For 75,000 copies of the state constitution the public printer out there presented a bill for \$15,400. That is enough to make the Florida state printer turn green with envy. My, my! Some men are born rich, some men achieve riches and some men have riches thrust upon them.

## THE MATTER WITH SMITH

Why the remarkable change of public sentiment in Georgia, as evidenced by the defeat of Hoke Smith in Thursday's primaries—Hoke Smith, the man who, standing for the very policies he advocated before the people this time, who, two years ago, overwhelmingly swept into office by the democrats of his state?

Surely the result in Georgia yesterday was not due to any personal superiority of Joseph M. Brown, the successful candidate, over his conspicuous opponent. There is no comparison between the two men as regards mental ability, political record or standing. Hoke Smith, a self-made man, a lawyer of great ability, a student and a thinker; Joe Brown, a mere figurehead, a man who inherited wealth, and who has done nothing in his entire career to merit the preferment of his people for any position of trust and responsibility, not to mention the dignified and eminent post of governor of the Empire State of the south.

Why, then, this result of yesterday? The real reason is not hard to find. Hoke Smith was one of the high priests of discontent. He was one of the main guys of the pessimistic push. He was the spokesman, in Georgia, of warfare, just or unjust, indiscriminate, upon the railroads and the other interests which have done their share toward building up the state. He has devoted his public career of late to the policy of destruction, rather than construction. His intemperament crusade against capital, whatever form it might present itself to his attention, his bitter warfare on the railroads, soon played itself out in Georgia as a political victory-cry. It ceased to attract the people. They sickened of it. They grew to resent it. They saw its harmful effects. They asked themselves when this sort of thing would stop, and what it would lead to if persisted in. And, as they reached these conclusions, they turned upon Hoke Smith, the man responsible for this insatiable lust for corporation blood, and administered to him a rebuke which will elevate an inferior man to the governorship of Georgia.

Almost any man of any standing whatever could have achieved the same victory over Hoke Smith. It marks the passing of the craze which has been so prevalent throughout the south of late, and which in addition to crippling legitimate enterprises, driving railroads and other great institutions to the verge of bankruptcy, has fastened upon Georgia, under the soiled banner of prohibition, the vilest regime of law-evasion and hypocrisy that good state ever saw.

The voice of the muckraker is dying in the land. The reign of the "smasher" is but of few days and full of trouble. Yet a little while, and we shall look back upon the period of agitation and clamor and wonder how we could have been so foolish as to hearken to the voice of the Hoke Smiths, the Vardamans, the Tillmans and their kind. We are gradually regaining our equilibrium and it will be many years, let us hope, before the firebrand, the pitchfork and the knocker's hammer again become the approved weapons by which the designing politician and the strife-stirring demagogue may win their way to the high places of our country.—Tampa News.

## BRYAN DELEGATES

Bowden, Eaton and Mann are the only delegates at large pledged to Bryan. Others decline to so pledge themselves. Bryan's friends should vote for and advocate and actively work for delegates, state at large:

X BASIL O. BOWDEN.  
X CHARLES F. EATON.  
X A. S. MANN.

Hon. Eugene S. Mathews, speaker of the last house of representatives, and a candidate for re-election to the legislature from Bradford county, was defeated for re-nomination last week by L. D. Wall, a brother of our own John P. Wall of this county. It seems that Mr. Mathews, who was one of the most valuable members in the house in 1905 and 1907, and one of the brainiest editors in the state, has also been guilty of engaging in the banking business and thereby lining up with the plutocrats. And it may be that his bank committed the unpardonable political blunder of loaning money to constituents who couldn't pay back.—Palatka News.

Yes, but Editor Mathews didn't get all his money running a newspaper. When he was not a member of the legislature he was county treasurer, Editor and banker are usually not synonymous terms.

Mr. Broward, in his appeal to the people of Florida does not show that he knows that there is such a thing in existence as the interior of Florida. He favors the cleaning out of rivers and the improving of harbors, but all of this is for the glory and growth of the seaport cities. He says nothing of what he will do for the interior, whose hands are tied by unjust discriminations.

## UNOFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT Democratic Primary Election, June 16, 1908

Precinct No. Marion County  
Make a cross mark (X) before the candidate of your choice.

For United States Senator  
Vote for One.  
N. B. BROWARD.

DUNCAN U. FLETCHER.

For Delegates to the National Democratic Convention From State at Large

Vote for Three.

BASIL O. BOWDEN.

MAX M. BROWN.

A. C. CLEWIS.

CHARLES F. EATON.

A. S. MANN.

R. H. SHACKLEFORD.

For Governor

Vote for One.

ALBERT W. GILCHRIST.

JOHN N. C. STOCKTON.

For Railroad Commissioner

Vote for One.

ROYAL C. DUNN.

W. K. JACKSON.

For Legislature

Vote for One.

C. L. BITTINGER.

L. S. LIGHT.

For Sheriff

Vote for One.

JOHN L. EDWARDS.

JOHN P. GALLOWAY.

For Supervisor of Registration

Vote for One.

J. L. BECK.

E. T. WILLIAMS.

EVINSTON, BOARDMAN AND McINTOSH

Special Car, Ocala Banner:

Watermelons are being shipped by the carload every day from Evinston. Mr. William Shettleworth is shipping cantaloupes every few days. They are well flavored but are small owing to the dry weather.

A great many Boston squash are being shipped to the northern markets. Messrs. Charlie Holloway and J. P. Richardson Ervin, Bob and Charlie McCarty left last week for Georgia where they will go into the peach packing business.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bateman will move this week to their own home near Hickman, this home was given to Mrs. Bateman by her father, Mr. Reed of Boardman.

Mr. Jeff Price who only last week bought the home of Dr. E. G. Geurra near McIntosh sold it this week to Mr. Archie Billingsly will soon move into their new home.

Mrs. Frank Hester of Orange Lake is still quite sick. She has been critically ill for some two or three weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norworthy of McIntosh.

## NOTICE

Of Application for Leave to Sell Minor's Lands

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of July, A. D. 1908, I will apply to the Honorable Joseph Bell, county judge in and for Marion county, state of Florida, at his office in Ocala, for an order authorizing me, as guardian of the minor heirs of Milenda Robinson, deceased, and to sell at private sale the following described property, to-wit: The east half of block four in Dunn's northwest addition to Ocala, and also thirty feet north and south on the north end of the west half of said block in Marion county, Florida. The said lands, belonging to the estate of Milenda Robinson, to be sold for the best interests of the said minors.

This 8th day of June, A. D. 1908.

WALKER SWANN, Guardian.

EDWIN SPENCER, Atty. 6-12

## IN THE FILTH AND MIRE OF POLITICS

The so-called ministerial alliance of Jacksonville has placed itself on record as publishing a "garbled" letter of General Gilchrist to that organization. This is dirty politics, whether indulged in by the followers of the lowly Nazarene or ward heelers, and we can see no difference between them.—Lake City Index.

The friends of General Gilchrist, in defending him from the unjust attacks that have been made against him ought not now go to the other extreme and say harsh and unwarranted things against Mr. Stockton because wrongs never make rights. Mr. Stockton is often rash, impetuous, impulsive and aggressive, but he is by no means a bad man. His instincts, intentions and impulses are nearly, if not always, along right lines. Mud slinging doesn't count for much in politics and most always acts as a boomerang.